

# Lagrangian Advective and Convective Transport of Passive Tracers Within the EMAC Chemistry Climate Model

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We introduce the extended and improved Lagrangian (LG) advection scheme **ATTILA** (Atmospheric Tracer Transport in a **LA**grangian model, *Reithmeier and Sausen (2002)*), which was parallelised, modularised and rewritten as a submodel for the **EMAC** (ECHAM/MESSy Atmospheric Chemistry) model (*Jöckel et al., 2010*).

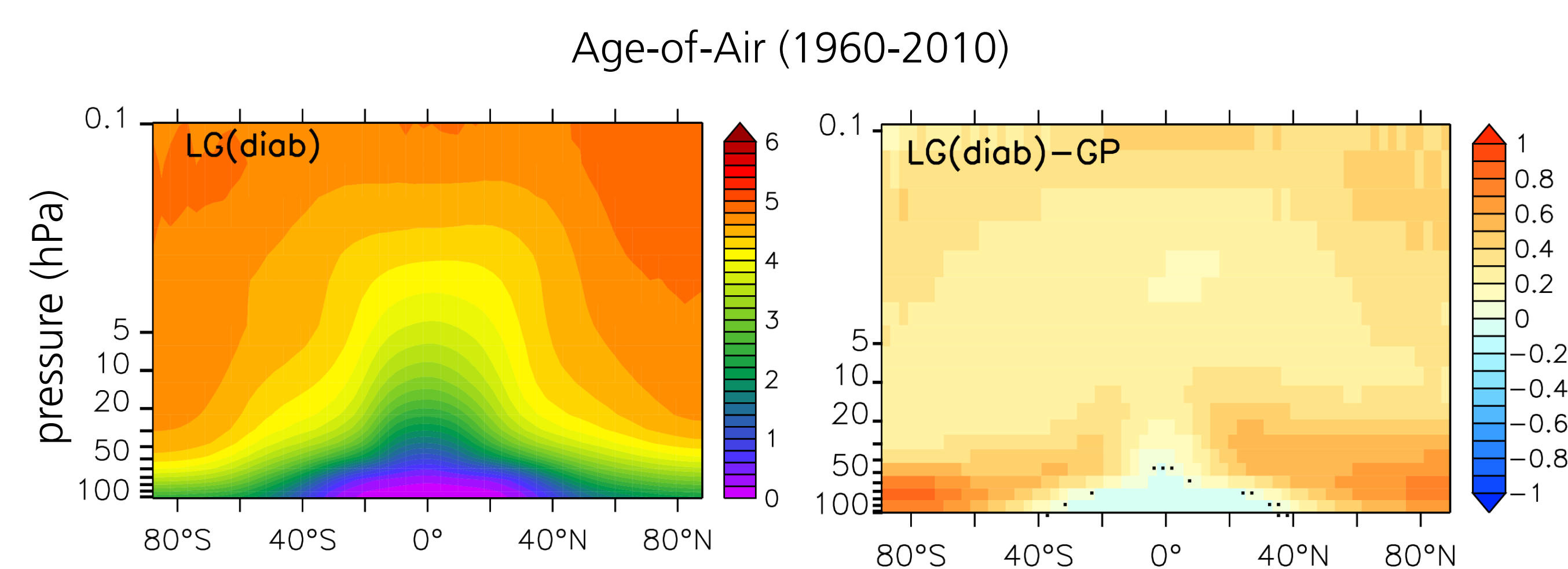
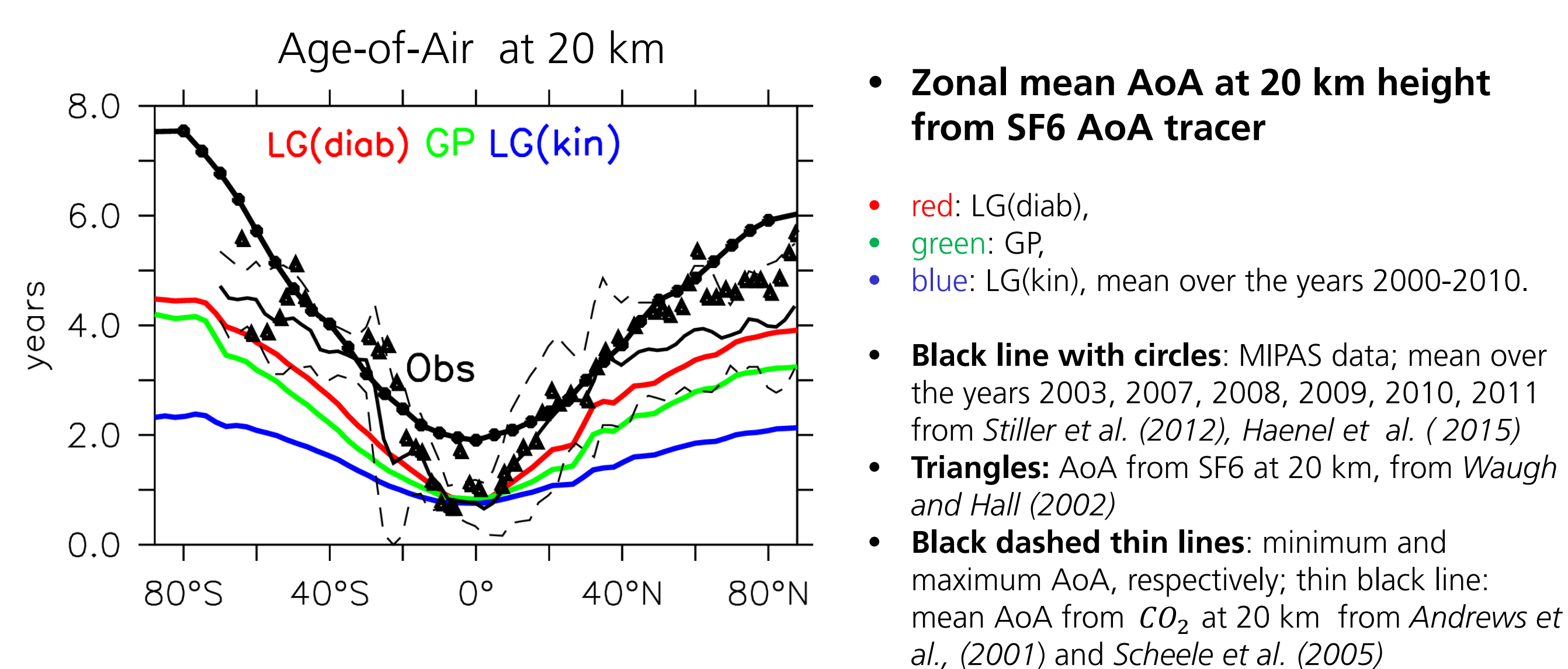
ATTILA is complemented by a new infrastructure (pseudo random number generators, parallelisation, transformation and transposition methods), **new physical** (*air parcel mixing, Lagrangian convection, diabatic vertical velocity*) and new diagnostic submodels.

## Model Simulations

3 transient simulations from 1950 – 2010 in T42L47MA resolution with EMAC/ATTILA similar to CCMI free running hind-cast simulations:

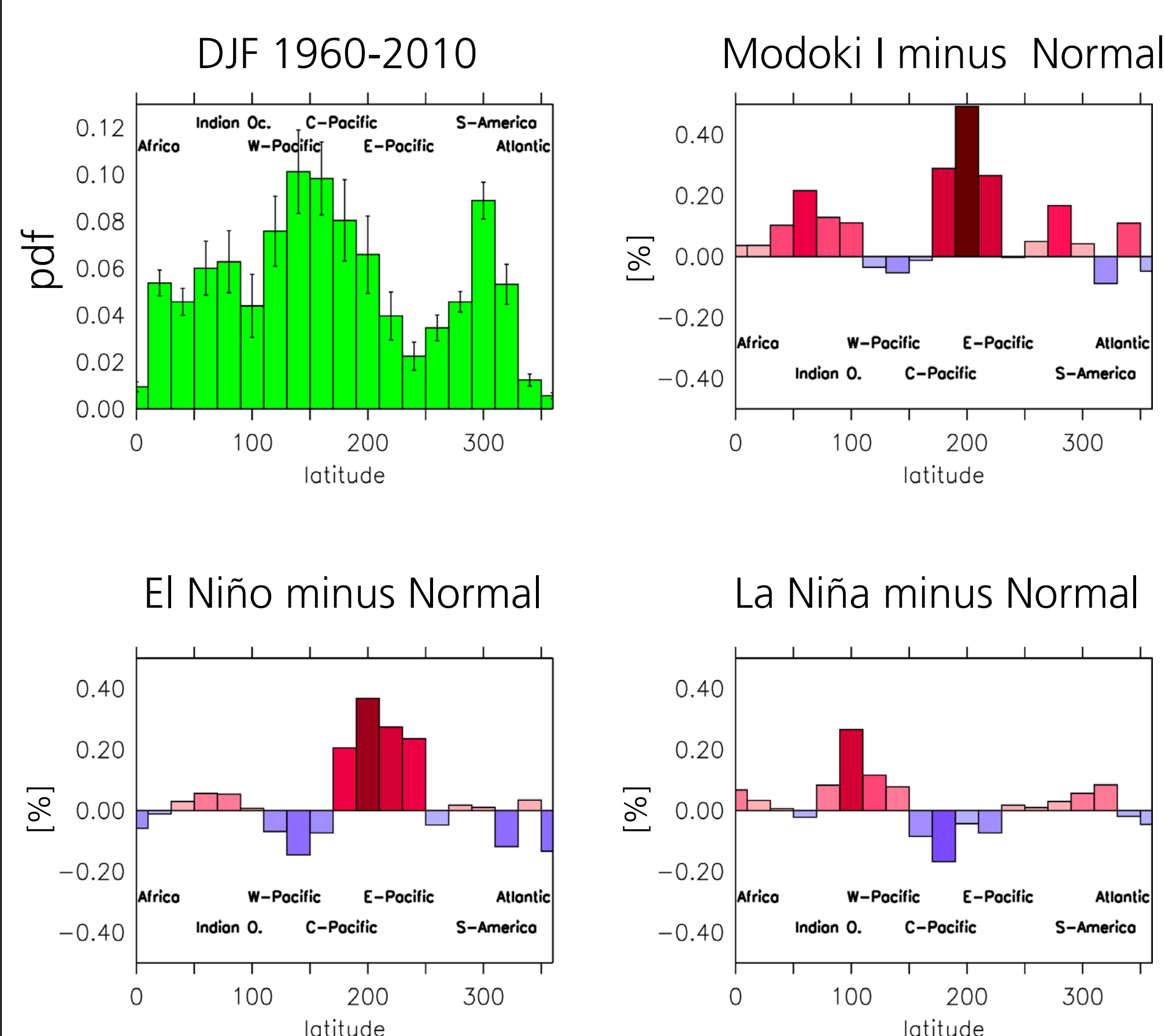
1. Grid point **GP**
2. Lagrangian with diabatic vertical velocity **LG(diab)**
3. Lagrangian with kinematic vertical velocity **LG(kin)**

## Simulation of Age-of-Air



LG(diab) simulation shows older air throughout the stratosphere, most pronounced at high latitudes between 100 and 50 hPa compared to the GP simulation. → LG(diab) less diffusive

## Lagrangian Convection Example: Histogram Composites of Deep Updrafts During DJF (1960-2010) in the Tropics

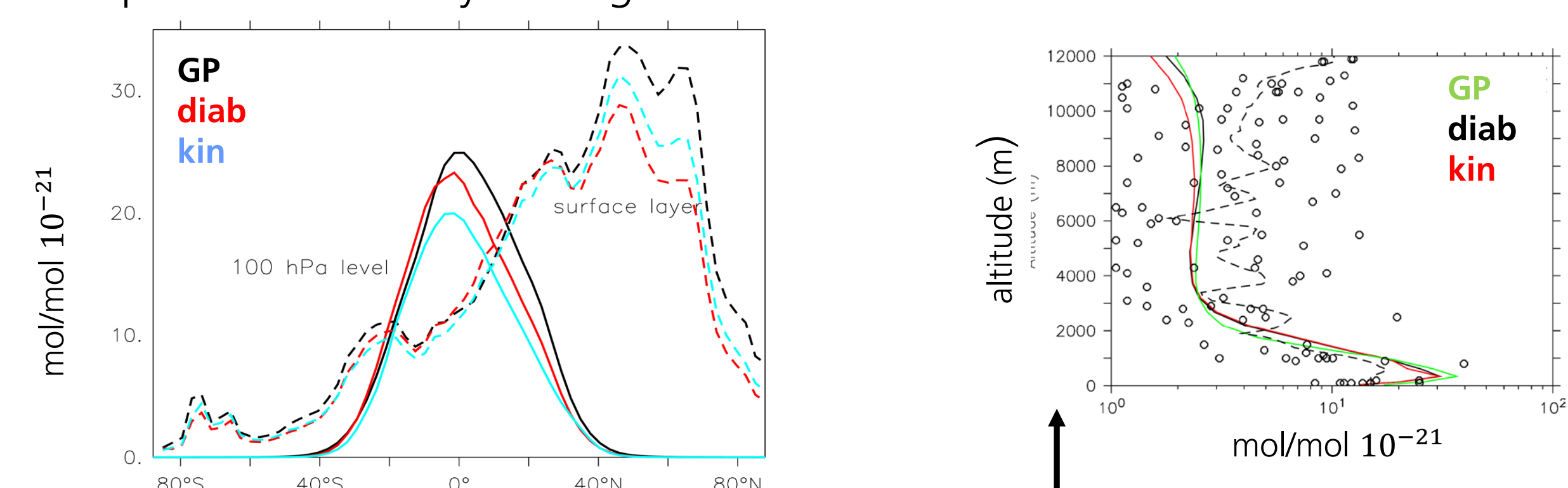


**Composites of histograms for DJF for LG parcels that jump vertically over more than 10 model levels**

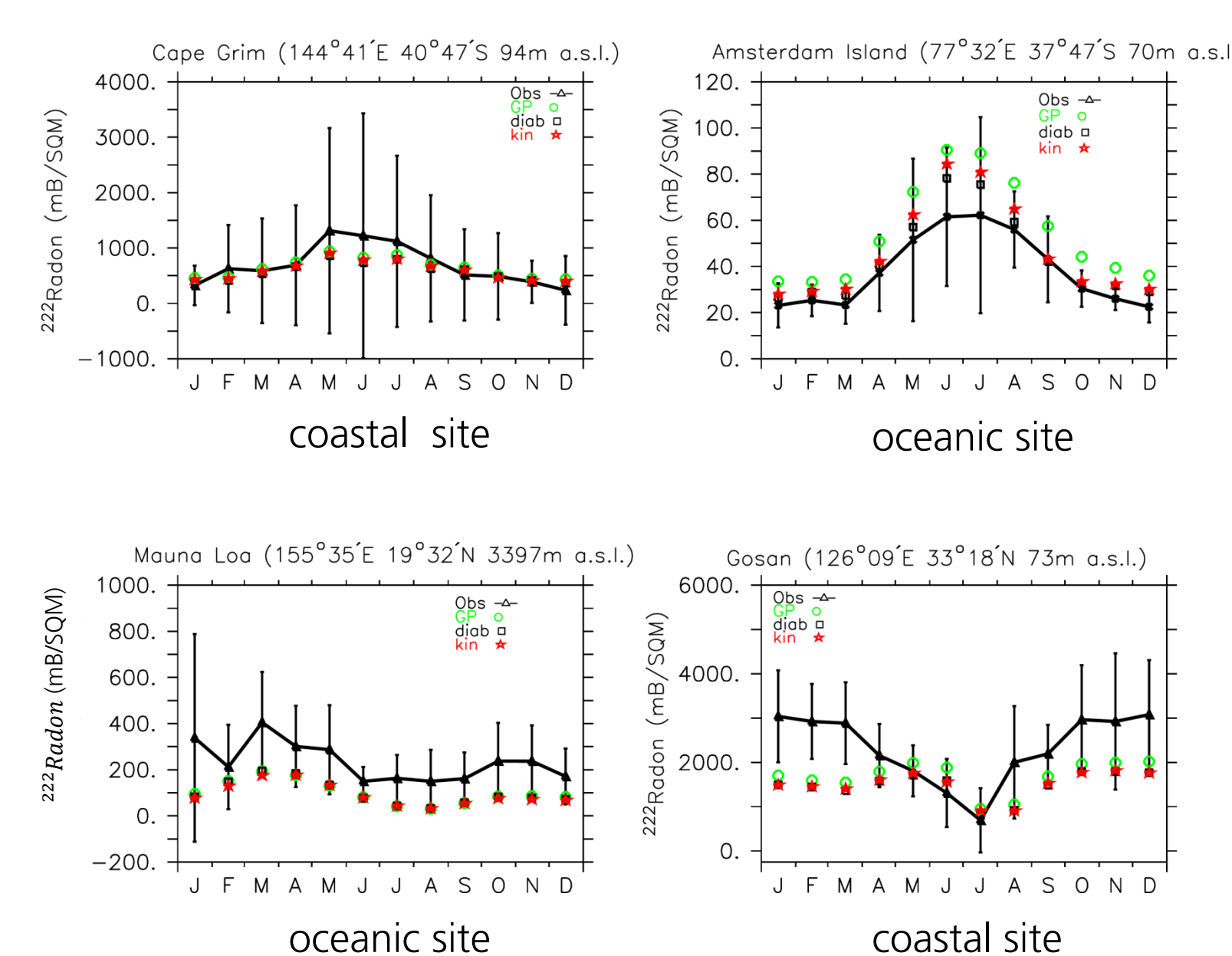
- **Normal years** (without El Niño or La Niña, 21 events)
- **El Niño years** (11 events)
- **El Niño Modoki I years** (central pacific El Niño, 6 events)
- **La Niña years** (13 events)
- Note the shift and increase in deep convective updrafts during El Niño and La Niña conditions.

## Evaluation with $^{222}Rn$

Inter-Comparison of Zonally Averaged  $^{222}Rn$  Distributions



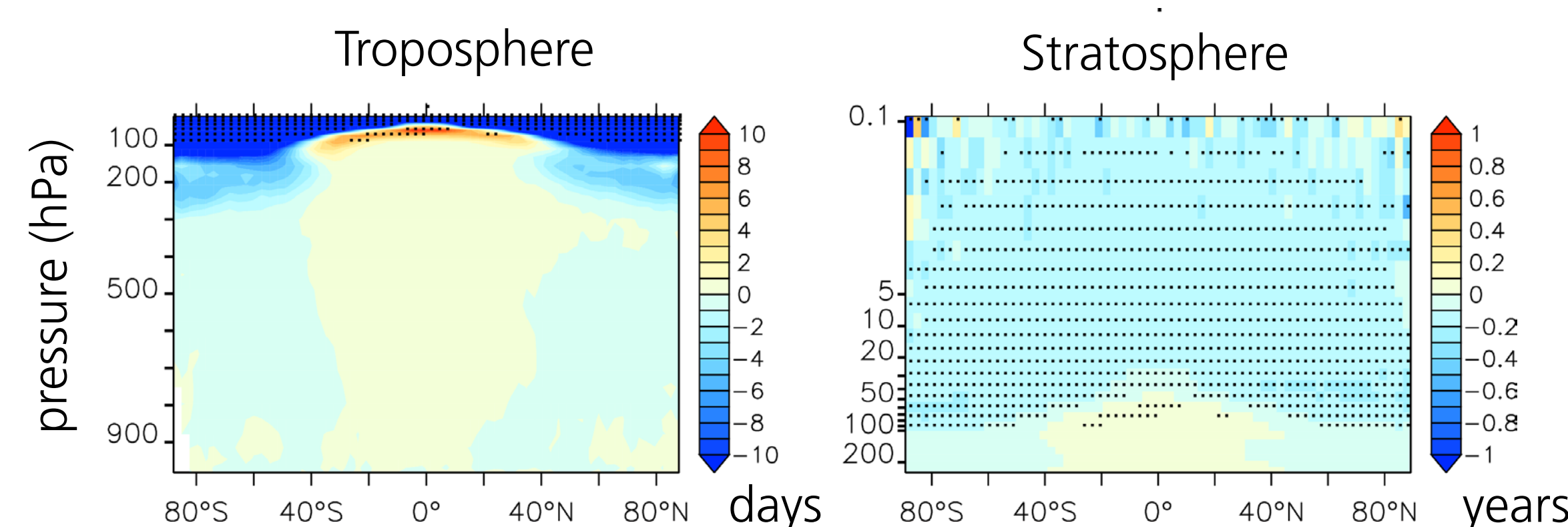
## Annual Cycle of $^{222}Rn$ in the Surface Layer



Vertical profiles of  $^{222}Rn$  during the MOFFET campaign in California (*Kritz et al., 1998*, data from June to August 1994)

Evaluation of the annual cycle of  $^{222}Rn$  against in-situ measurements (*Zhang et al., 2008*). A continental influence can be seen, when  $^{222}Rn$  exceeds 1000 mBq/m<sup>2</sup>.

## Inter-Parcel Mixing: Influence on Age-of-Air in LG(diab)



with minus without inter-parcel mixing

Inter-comparison of a tracer *with* and *without* inter-parcel mixing of simulation LG(diab).

Stippled area is statistically significant (t-test, 99%)

- Inter-parcel mixing makes air at the tropical tropopause older by ~10 days
- Inter-parcel mixing makes stratospheric air younger by ~3 months

## Seasonal Spectra of Age-of-Air from LG(diab) Simulation

